

possibility, however, and there is strong feeling in Scotland against the decision, especially as B.E.A. have been flying to capacity since fares were reduced.

Sir Patrick Dollan recently stated that there would be an increase in staff at Renfrew in March or April next year when that airfield became the maintenance base for B.E.A. Dakotas

and Rapides. Accommodation would also be improved for passengers, and there were plans for a new terminal building and a new entrance on the main Glasgow road, which would save about eight minutes in the time taken by surface transport from the city. B.E.A. have applied for permission to provide catering at all Scottish airports on their routes.

BREVITIES

IT is understood from Malta that shareholders of Malta Airways have approved the admission of B.E.A. capital and of two nominated directors. Malta Airways are taking over some services which were formerly run by B.O.A.C.

At the annual general meeting of the Institute of Navigation, the following were elected to replace retiring members of the council: Mr. Francis Chichester; Rear Admiral Wyatt, hydrographer to the Navy; Captain Quick, chief examiner of Masters and Mates, and Professor Hart, Professor of Survey, University of London.

B.O.A.C. flying-boats operating services to South Africa, Pakistan, India, Australia and the Far East will, as from October 24th, use the new marine airport on Lake Mariut, Alexandria, instead of Cairo. Landplane services to and through the Middle East will continue to use Almaza airfield at Cairo.

Weston Airways and Cambrian Airways, whose agreements, jointly with B.E.A., to operate the Cardiff/Weston-super-Mare service were due to expire on October 11th, have been granted

a twelve months' extension. An extension until December 31st, 1948, has been granted to Air Enterprises, whose operation of the Croydon/Cowes service was due to end on October 31st, and Lancashire Aircraft Corporation's agreement in respect of the Blackpool/Southport service, due to end on September 30th, has been extended to October 31st.

A proving flight, in preparation for a new service to the West Indies, which Air France expect to put on a permanent and regular basis without delay, is shortly to be made by way of Shannon, Gander, Bermuda and San Juan (Porto Rico). At San Juan, connection will be made with the company's Catalina flying-boat service to Caracas, Trinidad and other points in the West Indies and on the South American mainland. Constellations will be used.

It is reported from North Atlantic operators that the recently instituted excursion fares have had the effect of extending the season for North Atlantic traffic. Eastbound traffic normally slackens about this time of the year, but advanced reservations show that it will be at a peak for some

Vickers Aircraft Photo.

VICKERS VISCOUNT: This medium-range transport has unusual safety features, including crash-proof tanks, duplicated under-carriage wheels, high-efficiency double-split flaps, and each window in the pressurized cabin as an emergency exit. Many of these and other features are annotated in the accompanying cut-away drawing.

